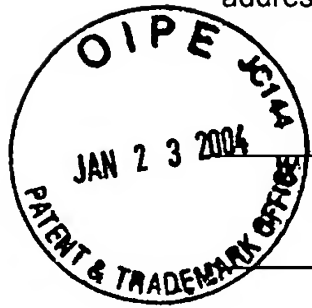


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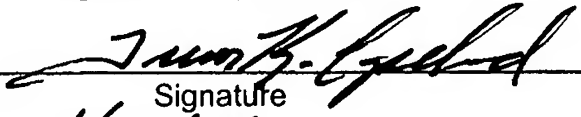


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003, Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-5, 11-19, and 23) without traverse. Applicant respectfully requests examination of the application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,


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